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GUARANTOR OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS (FUNSETH)

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1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DINITZ TOLD JOHN WALLACH, HEARST NEWSPAPERS, THAT ISRAEL, IN A KEY CONCESSION TOWARD A NEW SINAI ACCORD WITH EGYPT, HAS AGREED TO LET THE UNITED STATES SERVE AS THE MAIN REPOSITORY OR CHIEF GUARANTOR FOR SEVERAL IMPORTANT SECRET COMMITMENTS BY THE CAIRO GOVERNMENT.

2. WALLACH TOLD FUNSETH (S/PRS) OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH DINITZ PRIOR TO DINITZ'S DEPARTURE FOR BONN AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH PM RABIN. WALLACH GAVE FUNSETH, ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, TEXT OF HIS STORY TO BE PUBLISHED IN HEARST NEWSPAPERS IN WHICH DINITZ IS THE UNNAMED SOURCE.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS: "ISRAEL, IN A KEY CONCESSION TOWARD A NEW SINAI ACCORD WITH EGYPT, HAS AGREED TO LET THE UNITED STATES SERVE AS THE MAIN REPOSITORY FOR SEVERAL IMPORTANT 'SECRET' CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITMENTS BY THE CAIRO GOVERNMENT.

THE UNITED STATES, IN EFFECT WOULD BECOME THE CHIEF GUARANTOR OF THE PROJECTED PACT BY RECEIVING FROM EGYPTIAN

PRESIDENT SADAT A SET OF PRIVATE LETTERS COMMITTING EGYPT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO TWO BACK-TO-BACK RENEWALS OF THE ANNUAL U.N. PEACEKEEPING MANDATE.

THAT WILLEXTENDTHE LIFE OF THE PACT TO AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE PLAN ALSO SEEKS FROM EGYPT A SET OF COMMITMENTS TO CUT BACK ANTI-ISRAELI PROPAGANDA AND TO EASE THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL. THESE INCLUDE A CAIRO PLEDGE TO CEASE APPLYING THE EMBARGO AGAINST U.S. FIRMS THAT TRADE WITH ISRAEL.

THEY ALSO INCLUDE AN EGYPTIAN PLEDGE TO REFRAIN FROM DISCOURAGING AFRICAN AND OTHER THIRD WORLD NATIONS THAT MAY WANT TO RENEW DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL AND A PLEDGE NOT TO PRESS IN THIS FALL'S U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION FOR THE OUSTER OF THE JEWISH STATE.

ISRAEL PREVIOUSLY HAD DEMANDED THAT THESE COMMITMENTS, PARTICULARLY ON THE TIME FRAME OF THE NEW ACCORD, BE MADE OPENLY IN THE FORM OF A DIRECT PLEDGE TO ISRAEL THAT WOULD FORM PART OF THE PUBLIC AGREEMENT.

ISRAEL, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT EGYPT'S PREVIOUS WRITTEN PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES--TO PERMIT ISRAELI CARGOES THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL--BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE A NEW ACCORD IS SIGNED.

THE EGYPTIAN PLEDGE WAS MADE IN A LETTER FROM SADAT TO PRESIDENT NIXON AT THE TIME OF THE LAST DISENGAGEMENT PACT IN JANUARY 1974.

ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES ALSO APPEAR IN SUBSTANTIAL ACCORD ON COORDINATING POLICY FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PEACE PROCESS. ISRAEL HAD SOUGHT THESE BILATERAL AMERICAN CONFIDENTIAL

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GUARANTEES BEFORE AGREEING TO ENTER A NEW SINAI PACT WITH EGYPT.

THEY INCLUDE A WRITTEN U.S. PLEDGE THAT THE POSSIBLE FAILURE OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA FOR A NEW ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WILL NOT PROMPT A RENEWAL OF U.S. POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE JEWISH STATE.

'WE ARE READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SYRIANS,' A DIPLOMAT FAMILIAR WITH ISRAEL'S STANCE SAID. 'BUT IF THE TALKS DON'T SUCCEED WE DON'T WANT THERE TO BE ANOTHER CONFRONTATION WITH THE AMERICANS.'

ALSO, ISRAEL HAS SOUGHT AND APPARENTLY RECEIVED A U.S. PLEDGE THAT ANY COMPREHENSIVE AMERICAN PEACE PLAN PROPOSED AT A RENEWED GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL BE CAREFULLY COORDINATED WITH ISRAELI POLICYMAKERS. 'WE DON'T WANT TO BE SURPRISED BY SOMETHING WE DON'T AGREE WITH,' AN ISRAELI SOURCE SAID.

PRESIDENT FORD HAD THREATENED TO FLOAT SUCH AN OVERALL PEACE PLAN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S MID-EAST POLICY REVIEW IF ISRAEL HAD OBSTRUCTED A NEW SINAI PACT WITH EGYPT. THE UNITED STATES NOW APPEARS TO HAVE DROPPED THIS OPTION.

ISRAEL ALSO HAS RECEIVED FIRM ASSURANCES FROM THE UNITED STATES THAT THERE WILL BE NO PRESSURE TO DEAL WITH THE TERRORIST PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) EITHER IN SEATING A PLO DELEGATION AT GENEVA OR IN ANY OTHER CONTACTS

ISRAEL EXPECTS FOR THESE CONCESSIONS TO RECEIVE THE FULL \$2.5 BILLION IT HAS REQUESTED IN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID, INCLUDING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE THE YF-16 JET FIGHTER 'LANCE' SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES AND THE F15 'EAGLE' FIGHTER ALREADY OKAYED BY THE PENTAGON.

MEANWHILE, ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO PULL BACK ITS SINAI FORCES ABOUT 30 MILES, OVER A SIX-TO-NINE-MONTH PERIOD, TO A POINT ON THE EASTERN SLOPES OF THE MITLA AND GIDI MOUNTAINS. CONFIDENTIAL

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TAIN PASSES. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE THREE-YEAR PACT WILL NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETED.

A COMPROMISE FORMULA ALSO IS BEING SOUGHT THAT WOULD PERMIT THE UNITED STATES TO OPERATE AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE PASSES. ALTHOUGH ISRAEL STILL OPPOSES SUCH A U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE, IT IS THOUGHT LIKELY ISRAEL WILL AGREE IF THE REST OF THE PACT IS SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED. END OF TEXT. INGERSOLL

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